IAP20 FCC FORTU 04 MAY 2006, 088 (07-05)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449A/PTO **Application Number** INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Lodewijk Van Noten et al Art Unit (Use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** TYR-P0007 Sheet of 2 Attorney Docket Number

			U.S. PAT	ENT DOCUMENTS		
	011	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Number-Kind Code 2 (# known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document		
_		US- 4,727,742	03-01-1988	David B. Weaver		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
	_	US-				
		us-		•		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-	<u>-</u>			

		•••	FORI	EIGN PATENT DO	CUMENTS		
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
		Country Code ³ Number	r ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τe
		EP 0 810 455	Al	12-03-1997	Fujikura Ltd.		
		EP 0 810 455	ВІ	08-10-2005	Fujikura Ltd.		
		EP 0 846 965	BI	03-13-2002	Fujikura Ltd.		
		EP 0 874 253	Bl	11-28-2001	Fujikura Ltd.		
		GB 2 034 069	A	05-29-1980	The Post Office		
		JP 60-134209		07-17-1985	Fujitsu Ltd.	Abstract	1
		WO 98/54608		12-03-1998	Oxford Fiber Optic Tools Ltd.		-
		 	_	· · · · · ·			+

Examiner	Date	
Signature	 Considered	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

IAP20 ROC Approved for use frough be 30,200 CMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449B/PTO Application Number INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date May 4, 2006 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Lodewijk Van Noten et al. Art Unit (Use as many sheets as necessary) Examiner Name of Sheet Attorney Docket Number TYR-P0007

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²			
		SHAH, V et al. "Cleaved Oblique Fiber End Faces for High-Performance Mechanical Splices", Proceedings of the Optical Fiber Communication Conference, San Diego, Feb. 18-22, 1991, New York, IEEE, US, vol. CONF. 14, Feb. 18, 1991, Page 111, XP000270396, ISBN: 1-55752-166-2				
			\dashv			
Examine Signature		Date Considered				

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.